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AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

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On page 1, line 5, after "reference" and before "." please add the following-- which is a continuation in part of US application Serial No. 08/396,569, filed March 1, 1995.--

In the claims:

Please add new claims 38-52 as follows:

--38.(New) The stent of claim 2 wherein the first and second ends of each interconnecting element are displaced longitudinally along the stent.

39.(New) The stent of claim 1, the plurality of undulating band-like elements including two interconnected, non-abutting undulating band-like elements located at a proximal end of the stent and at least two interconnected, non-abutting undulating band-like elements located at a distal end of the stent,

the plurality of undulating band-like elements including a first band-like element having alternating first peaks and first troughs, the first peaks longitudinally aligned with one

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